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TITLE: BIOCHIP

1. Type of Application

This is a request for filing a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION** under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/868,832

Filed: June 21, 2001

Title: BIOCHIP

Inventors: Toshikazu HIROTA and Takao OHNISHI

Prior Art Unit: 1634

Prior Examiner: Betty J. Forman

2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

- 41 Page(s) of Specification
- 3 Page(s) of Claims
- 1 Page(s) of Abstract
- 18 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-18)

B. Other Papers Enclosed

- ☒ A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet
- ☒ A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ Form PTO-1449

3. The correspondence address for this application is: Customer No. 025191

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4. Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

- ☐ Applicants hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- ☐ Applicants hereby request that the attached application **not** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

5. Relate Back**A. 35 U.S.C. 119(e)**

- ☐ Priority of provisional application Serial No. _____ filed _____, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

B. 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 and 365(c)

- ☒ Priority of said prior application 09/868,832, filed June 21, 2001, which was the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP00/07343, filed October 20, 2000, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

C. 35 U.S.C. 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application

- ☒ Priority of foreign application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	11-301627	October 22, 1999

- ☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/868,832 on June 21, 2001.

6. Assignment

The prior application is assigned of record to NGK Insulators, Ltd. at Reel 012050, Frame(s) 0041, (recorded June 21, 2001).

7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Filing fee (37 CFR §1.16(a))				\$ 770.00
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	13 - 20 =	0	× \$ 18.00	
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	0	× \$ 86.00	
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TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 770.00
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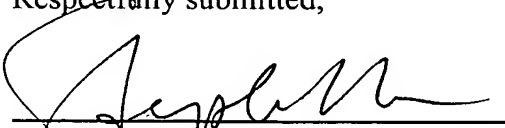
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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